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Title: OPTICAL DISC DEVICE

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- () the attached specification, or
- (X) the specification in application Serial No. NEW, filed April 25, 2001, and with amendments through
- () the specification in International Application No., filed, and as amended on (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the content of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment(s) referred to above.

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Japan	P2000-125741	April 26, 2000	YES

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